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P 121257Z APR 94
FM USLO MOGADISHU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4153
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
CTF ONE FIVE EIGHT
CTF ONE FIVE SIX
ELEVENTH MEU SOC
COMUSNAVCENT
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
SECDEF WASHDC
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
NSC WASHDC
JOINT STAFF WASHDC
USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL
USS PELELIU

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TAGS: MOPS, ASEC, US, UN, SO
SUBJECT: MEETING AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR UNOSOM
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS IN RWANDA

1. MONDAY MORNING (11 APRIL) USLO BECAME AWARE OF AN URGENT REQUEST FROM U.N. HEADQUARTERS FOR UNOSOM TO PROVIDE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APCS) TO THE U.N. ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA (UNAMIR). ENVISIONED WAS THE AIRLIFT OF SIX U.S.-OWNED M113 APCS, CURRENTLY BEING LEASED BY THE U.N. USLO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S.-STAFFED UNOSOM LOGISTICS CONTROL CENTER (LCC),

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IMMEDIATELY RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE LIMITING FACTORS INHERENT IN THE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNOSOM THAT MIGHT DELAY OR OBSTRUCT THIS ACTION.

2. A LCC REPRESENTATIVE EVENTUALLY WAS ABLE TO CONTACT THE SOMALIA PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE U.S. ARMY SECURITY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE U.S.-U.N. LEASE AGREEMENT COVERING THE APCS CONTAINED A CLAUSE RESTRICTING THEIR USE OUTSIDE SOMALIA, UNLESS THE U.N. AND U.S. JOINTLY AGREE IN WRITING TO AN EXCEPTION. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO USLO AND IT DIRECTED LCC TO NOTIFY UNOSOM FORCE COMMAND U-4 TO INITIATE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE USG THROUGH U.N. CHANNELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE MEANTIME USLO ADVISED THE JOINT STAFF AND STATE RWANDAN TASK FORCE OF THE PROBLEM AND RECOMMENDED THEY BEGIN TO CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

3. TUESDAY MORNING (12 APRIL), LCC WAS NOTIFIED THAT SECDEF HAD APPROVED THE PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF THE
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APCS. UNOSOM HAS NOW SHIFTED INTO HIGH GEAR TO COMPLETE THEIR AIR MOVEMENT TO RWANDA. THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED WHO MADE POSSIBLE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS ESSENTIAL, TIME-SENSITIVE MISSION.
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